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February 26, 2015


The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I recently sent you a letter with several of my colleagues expressing concern about EPA's continuing delays in issuing biodiesel standards under the Renewable Fuel Standard. As you know, these standards are critical to small businesses like Newport Biodiesel in Rhode Island, which are creating good, green jobs by producing fuels that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. EPA's delay in issuing the biodiesel standards, combined with its recent decision to allow Argentinian biodiesel under the RFS, is threatening to put companies like Newport Biodiesel out of business and to undermine progress in developing cleaner transportation fuels.

I urge you to move quickly to issue biodiesel standards that support the continued growth of domestic biodiesel as I would prefer to have more positive topics to discuss with you at the EPW hearing next week.

Sincerely,


Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator